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Subject: City of Vernon CUPA Evaluation 2006

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your reminder regarding the anticipated timing of our response to our CUPA evaluation. As we discussed with the CAL EPA Evaluation team, our department considers the CUPA Program as one of the most challenging of our responsibilities that also include a wide range of environmental and public health protection programs such as food safety (retail and wholesale), water quality, solid waste, and vector control programs. Implementing and managing all of these programs, along with the six elements of the CUPA Program, require a prioritization of program planning and improvement tasks. We have proceeded to address the minor deficiencies noted in our CUPA evaluation in a methodical manner on the basis that our department received a satisfactory CUPA evaluation rating.

These minor deficiencies centered on the Hazardous Waste Generator Program. Our department's systematic efforts to correct these deficiencies have resulted in the following:

- Staff has been instructed to include specific violations and corrective action text on inspection forms.
- Guidelines for use in classifying violations have been distributed to all inspectors.
- On June 30, 2006, our data-tracking program was configured to track enforcement related data.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts to improve the CUPA Program and we are continuing to seek support and assistance from the State agencies to fully administer all aspects of the Program.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Monday – Thursday, 7 am to 5:30 pm, at 323 583 8811 Extension 229.

Sincerely,

Lewis Pozzebon  
Director / Health Officer